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1. MFA DEPUTY DIRGEN VAN SCHAIK LATE JULY 30 GAVE E/C
COUNSELOR COPY IN FRENCH OF EC RESPONSE TO CANADIAN
COCHAIRMAN MACEACHEN'S MESSAGE OF JULY 27. EC RESPONSE
WAS DATED JULY 30 AND HAD ALREADY BEEN DELIVERED TO
CANADIANS. EC RESPONSE WAS IN FORM REPORTED IN REF (D)
EXCEPT FOR SLIGHT CHANGE MADE TO ACCOMMODATE FRENCH SO
THAT PARAGRAPH 3 NOW READS:

BEGIN QUOTE: 3) LA COMMUNAUTE EST CONVENUE D'ADOPTER
UNE APPROCHE POSITIVE A L'EGARD DE LA QUESTION DE
L'ALLEGEMENT DES CHARGES DE LA DETTE DES PAYS EN
DEVELOPPEMENT. EN APPLICATION DE LA RESOLUTION DE NAIROBI,
LA COMMUNAUTE S'ATTACHERA A RECHERCHER DES REPONSES ADEQUATES
AUX PROBLEMES QUI SE POSENT. CETTE APPROCHE DEVRA TENIR
COMPTE DES SITUATIONS ET CONDITIONS DEFFERENTES DES PAYS EN
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DEVELOPPEMENT, ET NOTAMMENT DE CEUX QUI DEPENDENT LARGEMENT

DE L'AIDE ET QUI SE HEURTENT A DE GRAVES PROBLEMES FINANCIERS D'ORDRE STRUCTUREL, EN PARTICULIER LES PAYS LES MOINS AVANCES, LES PLUS GRAVEMENT TOUCHES ET D'AUTRES PAYS EN DIFFICULTE. IL CONVIENT AINSI DE DONNER AUX OPERATIONS FUTURES CONCERNANT LES PROBLEMES DE LA DETTE UNE ORIENTATION QUI PERMETTE DE TRAITER CHAQUE CAS AVEC SOUPLESSE. END QUOTE.

2. VAN SCHAİK SAID EC-9 WILL NOW AWAIT RECOMMENDATION FROM CANADIAN COCHAIRMAN (BASED ON RESPONSES COCHAIRMAN HAS RECEIVED FROM EC, USG AND OTHER G-8 TO HIS MESSAGE OF JULY 27) AS TO WHETHER G-8 MEETING SHOULD BE HELD IN AUGUST. IF IT IS INDICATED THAT G-8 MEETING WILL BE HELD, EC-9 WILL MEET IN BRUSSELS TO PREPARE FOR G-8 MEETING. IN MEANTIME, DUTCH ARE INSISTING THAT WORK CONTINUE IN BRUSSELS ON DRAFTING LANGUAGE TO RESOLVE CIEC IMPASSE ON DEBT ISSUE. VAN SCHAİK SAID EC-9 HAD NOT YET REACTED TO PROTECTION OF PURCHASING POWER ISSUE BECAUSE IT WAS GENERALLY BELIEVED THAT A BREAK IN IMPASSE ON DEBT WOULD PERMIT PURCHASING POWER ISSUE TO BE HANDLED MORE ROUTINELY. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT IF CANADIAN COCHAIRMAN RECOMMENDS THAT SOME MOVEMENT SHOULD BE MADE ON PURCHASING POWER, EC-9 WOULD MEET IMMEDIATELY TO CONSIDER WHAT MIGHT BE DONE.

3. VAN SCHAİK SAID GON ESPECIALLY AND EC-9 GENERALLY BELIEVE IT WOULD BE TACTICALLY WISE TO HAVE G-8 MAKE AS POSITIVE A PROPOSAL AS POSSIBLE TO G-19 VIA MEETING OF TWO COCHAIRMEN PREFERABLY PRIOR TO COLOMBO MEETINGS STARTING AUGUST 9 AND AT LEAST BEFORE AUGUST 16-19 COLOMBO SUMMIT.

4. VAN SCHAİK NOTED THAT HE WILL BE FOCAL POINT IN GON FOR CIEC MATTERS DURING AUGUST VACATION PERIOD AND SAID HE WOULD FIND IT MOST HELPFUL TO HAVE CONTINUING FLOW OF INFORMATION ON USG RESPONSES AND THINKING TOWARD INITIATIVES OF CANADIAN COCHAIRMAN INCLUDING USG RESPONSE TO JULY 27 MESSAGE.
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